## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~The present invention relates to a~~A playback apparatus and method~~, which are~~

capable of reading streaming data recorded on an information recording medium in compliance

with an FAT scheme continuously without delay~~, to a recording medium for use therewith, and~~

~~to a program therefor. In a DRAM for file playback information, file~~ File playback information

for playing back a file generated on the basis of the FAT is generated by a CPU ~~is~~ and stored in a

DRAM. ~~The file playback information is file playback information for playing back a file A~~

~~generated on the basis of the FAT.~~ In the file playback information, the cluster addresses of

clusters used to record a corresponding file are recorded in sequence in the order in which they

are used. ~~In the file playback information of the file A,~~ The cluster addresses ~~CL1, CL2, CL3, . .~~

~~. , CL329, and CL330, in which files A-1 to A-18 forming the file A are recorded, are recorded,~~

and are followed by an EOF as an end mark ~~is recorded following the cluster address CL330.~~

~~The present invention can be applied to a hard disk recorder.~~